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and a Path Controller Card for Combined use in High-
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Virtual Disk Formatting

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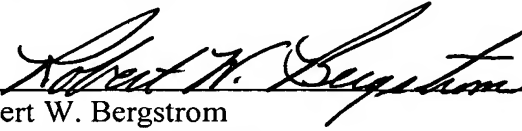
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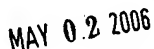


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